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NICARAGUA.

*Vital statistics.*SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA, *March 13, 1897.*

SIR: The Diario Oficial of March 5 contains official tables of vital statistics of Nicaragua for the six months ended June 30, 1896.

During the six months there were 4,528 births, 2,051 deaths, and 419 marriages.

There were 2,534 legitimate and 1,994 illegitimate births.

During the year ended December 31, 1895, as reported in my dispatch, No. 251, of November 9, 1896, there were 10,534 births and 4,780 deaths, the mortality ratio per 1,000 of population being 14.27.

During the two years ended October 31, 1890, there were 21,861 births, 9,813 deaths, and 3,200 marriages.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS O'HARA,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 171.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *March 17, 1897.*

Sir: There is a slight diminution in the number of deaths in Constantinople, though the different epidemics do not subside. During the week ended the 8th instant 262 deaths have been registered. Of these, 3 are due to scarlet fever, 3 to measles, 3 to diphtheria, 4 to smallpox, and 14 to typhoid fever.

During the week ended the 15th instant the number of deaths registered has been 245, of which 10 are due to typhoid fever, 8 from scarlet fever, 7 from diphtheria, and 3 from smallpox.

The sanitary news from the different provinces is good.

According to a report from the Turkish consul in Tiflis (Russia), there exists in this latter town an epidemic of spotted typhus.

It has been communicated to the International Sanitary Commission that the Greek Government has prohibited the entrance into Greece of parcels, samples, hides, and other susceptible goods coming from outside the strait of Bab-el-Mandeb (Red Sea). * * *

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO.

*Quarantine regulations against India, Beloochistan, and the Persian littoral.*BAGDAD, *February 11, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a "lettre circulaire," No. 12, dated the 10th instant, received from the sanitary office at Bagdad, for your information. These steps, taken by the superior council of health at Constantinople, are so far incomprehensible, as no case of plague in this littoral of Persia has, up to date, been reported, either officially or officiously.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

RUDOLPH HURNER,
Vice-Consul of the United States.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.